

Mobile Urgent Treatment Team (MUTT)

For Foster Families

I. Purpose

MUTT is a dedicated crisis intervention service that works in collaboration with Child Welfare Case Managers and Care Givers to stabilize, support and maintain children/adolescents in foster care placements who are experiencing a mental health or behavioral crisis.

II. Funding

\$692,064 from Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) plus Medicaid crisis billing by MUTT

III. Staff Composition/Hours of Service

- 6.5 MS/MSW Clinicians under direction of Chris Morano, PhD, Director of Mobile Urgent Treatment Team
- Additional access to MUTT's extensive network of Crisis 1:1 Stabilizers
- 24/7 availability
- MUTT staff are trained in trauma informed care, risk assessment, and solution-based treatment strategies

IV. Foster Families Served

- July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013 there were 1,407 MUTT contacts
- Face-to-face MUTT interventions required was 601
- Average number of foster care youth/caregivers requiring an on-going Crisis 1:1 Stabilizer was 16

V. Outcomes/Accomplishments

- Youth maintained in foster homes 95% of time
- 2-3 Behavioral Health Assessments conducted by MUTT at CPC monthly
- Monthly orientation/trainings conducted by MUTT for all new foster families/care-givers

VI. Remaining Challenges for MUTT

- Continuing efforts to increase MUTT utilization
- Getting crisis referrals as early as possible in child's placement